

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

1 through 26 (cancelled)

27. (currently amended) The composite body of ~~claim 26~~ claim 54, wherein said carrier comprises a natural polymer based on lignin.
28. (currently amended) The composite body of ~~claim 26~~ claim 54, wherein said carrier comprises at least one of polyolefine, polyamide, polyester, polyacetate, polycarbonate, polyurethane, vinylpolymer and a copolymer of the preceding.
29. (currently amended) The composite body of ~~claim 26~~ claim 54, wherein said carrier comprises a natural polymer based on lignin.
30. (currently amended) The composite body of ~~claim 26~~ claim 54, wherein said carrier further comprises natural fiber reinforcement.
31. (previously presented) The composite body of claim 30, wherein said natural fiber reinforcement comprises at least one of hemp, cellulose and wood fibers.
32. (currently amended) The composite body of ~~claim 26~~ claim 54, wherein at least one decorative layer comprises a wooden veneer.
33. (currently amended) The composite body of ~~claim 26~~ claim 54, wherein at least one decorative layer comprises natural fibers

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selected from the group consisting of a fleece, an interlacing, a woven fabric, a knitted fabric, and a plaited material.

34. cancelled.
35. (currently amended) The composite body of ~~claim 26~~ claim 54, wherein said at least one of said fleece, said interlacing, said woven fabric, said knitted fabric, and said plaited material consists essentially of natural fibers.
36. (previously presented) The composite body of claim 35, wherein said natural fibers are hemp fibers.
37. (currently amended) A method for using the composite body of ~~claim 26~~ claim 54, the method comprising the step of covering floors therewith.
38. (previously presented) The method of claim 37, wherein said floor covering is a parquet floor covering.
39. (currently amended) A method for using the composite body of ~~claim 26~~ claim 54, the method comprising paneling at least one of walls and ceilings therewith.
40. (currently amended) A method for using the composite body of ~~claim 26~~ claim 54, the method comprising inlaying works therewith.

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41. (previously presented) The method of claim 40, wherein said inlaid works comprise tarsia.
42. (previously presented) The method of claim 40, wherein said inlaid works comprise visible sides of at least one of furniture, musical instruments, housings, interior paneling and fittings of automotive vehicles.
43. cancelled.
44. (currently amended) The method of ~~claim 43~~ claim 55, wherein said decorative layers are inserted into a hot press, the carrier is disposed thereon, and said decorative layers are pressed together into a surface of said carrier by closing said press.
45. (currently amended) The method of ~~claim 43~~ claim 55, wherein a pressing force is between 40 and 400 bar.
46. (currently amended) The method of ~~claim 43~~ claim 55, wherein a pressing temperature is between 120 and 180°C.
47. (currently amended) The method of ~~claim 43~~ claim 55, wherein a pressing depth of said decorative layers substantially corresponds to a thickness of said decorative layers.
48. (currently amended) The method of ~~claim 43~~ claim 55, wherein a pressing depth of said decorative layers is smaller than a thickness thereof.

49. (currently amended) The method of ~~claim 43~~ claim 55, wherein said plurality of decorative layers are inserted into a hot press and are pressed together with said carrier.
50. cancelled.
51. (currently amended) The method of ~~claim 43~~ claim 55, further comprising embossing a surface structure on at least one decorative layer.
52. (currently amended) The method of ~~claim 43~~ claim 55, wherein said carrier is mixed with natural reinforcing fibers.
53. (currently amended) The method of ~~claim 52~~ claim 55, wherein said natural reinforcing fibers are selected from the group consisting of hemp, cellulose, and wood fibers.
54. (new) A composite body, comprising:
- a carrier, said carrier having a thermoplastic polymer;
 - an additional layer disposed on said carrier, said additional layer consisting essentially of at least one of a fleece, an interlacing, a woven fabric, a knitted fabric and a plaited material;
 - a first decorative layer disposed on said additional layer, said first decorative layer having first discontinuities, interruptions, or openings;

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a second decorative layer superimposed upon and partially overlapping said first decorative layer at edge regions thereof proximate said first discontinuities, interruptions, or openings, said second decorative layer having second discontinuities, interruptions, or openings through which portions of said first decorative layer are visible, wherein said additional layer is permeated with said thermoplastic polymer and said thermoplastic polymer is bonded to but does not bleed through said first and said second decorative layers.

55. (new) A method for producing a composite body, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) preparing a carrier, said carrier having a thermoplastic polymer;
- b) disposing an additional layer onto said carrier, said additional layer consisting essentially of at least one of a fleece, an interlacing, a woven fabric, a knitted fabric and a plaited material;
- c) disposing a first decorative layer onto said additional layer, said first decorative layer having first discontinuities, interruptions, or openings;
- d) superimposing a second decorative layer upon and partially overlapping said first decorative layer at edge regions thereof proximate said first discontinuities, interruptions, or openings, said second decorative layer having second discontinuities, interruptions, or openings through which portions of said first decorative layer are visible; and

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- e) pressing together said first decorative layer, said second decorative layer, said additional layer and said carrier to bond said first and said second decorative layers to said carrier without the use of glue, wherein said additional layer is permeated with said thermoplastic polymer and said thermoplastic polymer is bonded to but does not bleed through said decorative layers.